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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1391**

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**Introduced by Senators Hancock and Wyland**

(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bonta and Chávez)

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An act to amend Section 84810.5 of, and to add Section 84810.7 to, the Education Code, relating to community colleges, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1391, as amended, Hancock. Community colleges: inmate education programs: computation of apportionments.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law requires the board of governors to appoint a chief executive officer, to be known as the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

Existing law provides that, notwithstanding open course provisions in statute or regulations of the board of governors, the governing board of a community college district that provides classes for inmates of certain facilities may include the units of full-time equivalent students generated in those classes for purposes of state apportionments.

This bill would instead waive the open course provisions in statute or regulations of the board of governors for any governing board of a community college district that provides classes for inmates of those facilities and state correctional facilities, and would authorize the board

of governors to include the units of full-time equivalent students generated in those classes for purposes of state apportionments.

Existing law provides for the method of computing apportionments for purposes of these inmate education programs.

This bill would make revisions to that method of computation.

The bill would prohibit a community college district from claiming, for purposes of apportionments, any class for which a district receives full compensation for its direct education costs for the conduct of the class from any public or private agency, individual, or group of individuals, or any class offered pursuant to a contract or instructional agreement entered into between the district and a public or private agency, individual, or group of individuals that has received from another source full compensation for the costs the district incurs under that contract or instructional agreement, as prescribed.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in collaboration with the chancellor, to establish the Innovative Career Technical Education Grant Program to provide grants *to community colleges to offer career technical education and workforce development programs* for inmates in state correctional facilities to ~~attend career technical education community college classes to be~~ *supplement, but not duplicate or supplant, adult education courses provided by the Office of Correctional Education of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation* offered at these facilities. The bill would require that the general educational and workforce development goals and details regarding the administration of the grant program be included in an interagency agreement entered between the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the chancellor's office. The bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop, in collaboration with the chancellor's office, metrics for evaluations of the efficacy and success of the grant program, and require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to report findings from conducting these evaluations to the Legislature and the Governor, as specified. The bill would specify details of the career technical education programs to be developed and provided by community colleges with these grants.

This bill would appropriate \$2,000,000, as scheduled, from the Recidivism Reduction Fund to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges for the creation and administration of, as well as the allocation of awards under, Innovative Career Technical Education grant programs for the 2014–15 fiscal year, as specified. This bill would

provide for the return of residual funds, as defined, not retained for specified additional grants by the chancellor, to the Recidivism Reduction Fund. The bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in consultation with the chancellor, to develop administrative guidelines for community college education programs operating in prison facilities, as specified, on or before July 1, 2015.

This bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Innovative Career Technical Education grant programs and other inmate education programs for purposes of making informed policy decisions and for cost-benefit analysis of the investments made in inmate education, *as specified*, and submit this evaluation to the Governor and the Legislature on or before January 1, 2020.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 84810.5 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 84810.5. (a) (1) Open course provisions in statute or  
4 regulations of the board of governors shall be waived for any  
5 governing board of a community college district that provides  
6 classes for inmates of any city, county, or city and county jail, road  
7 camp, farm for adults, or state or federal correctional facility. This  
8 section does not authorize the waiver of open course provisions  
9 in any context or situation other than those that are specifically  
10 authorized by this section. Subject to limitations set forth in  
11 subdivision (b), the board of governors may include the units of  
12 full-time equivalent students (FTES) generated in those classes  
13 for purposes of state apportionments.

14 (2) The attendance hours generated by credit courses shall be  
15 funded at the marginal credit rate determined pursuant to paragraph  
16 (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 84750.5. The attendance hours  
17 generated by noncredit courses shall be funded at the noncredit  
18 rate.

19 (b) (1) A community college district shall not claim, for  
20 purposes of state apportionments under this section, any class to  
21 which either of the following applies:

1 (A) The district receives full compensation for its direct  
2 education costs for the conduct of the class from any public or  
3 private agency, individual, or group of individuals.

4 (B) The district has a contract or instructional agreement, or  
5 both, for the conduct of the class with a public or private agency,  
6 individual, or group of individuals that has received from another  
7 source full compensation for the costs the district incurs under that  
8 contract or instructional agreement.

9 (2) In reporting a claim for apportionment to the Chancellor of  
10 the California Community Colleges under this section, the district  
11 shall report any partial compensation it receives from the sources  
12 described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) during  
13 the period for which the claim is made. The chancellor shall  
14 subtract the amount of any partial compensation received from the  
15 total apportionment to be paid.

16 (c) This section does not provide a source of funds to shift,  
17 supplant, or reduce the costs incurred by the Department of  
18 Corrections and Rehabilitation in providing inmate education  
19 programs.

20 SEC. 2. Section 84810.7 is added to the Education Code, to  
21 read:

22 84810.7. (a) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
23 shall, in collaboration with the Chancellor of the California  
24 Community Colleges establish the Innovative Career Technical  
25 Education Grant Program.

26 (b) The general educational and workforce development goals  
27 and details regarding the administration of the Innovative Career  
28 Technical Education Grant Program shall be included in an  
29 interagency agreement entered between the Department of  
30 Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Office of the Chancellor  
31 of the California Community Colleges. The Department of  
32 Corrections and Rehabilitation shall, in collaboration with the  
33 Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges  
34 develop metrics for evaluations of the efficacy and success of the  
35 grant program. Beginning in July of 2017, and every three years  
36 thereafter, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall  
37 report findings from conducting these evaluations to the Legislature  
38 and the Governor.

39 (c) Grants shall be awarded to community colleges to offer  
40 career technical education and workforce development programs

for inmates in state correctional facilities *to supplement, but not to duplicate or supplant, any adult education course offered at that facility by the Office of Correctional Education of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.* The grants ~~shall~~ may include funds for the equipment and instructional materials, *including improvements to existing equipment and facilities,* necessary for the instruction of these career technical education and workforce development programs. *Equipment and instructional materials purchased with grant funds shall be used to provide career technical education and workforce development programs for inmates in state correctional facilities.*

(d) Innovative career technical education programs developed and provided by community colleges pursuant to this section shall provide all of the following:

(1) Career technical education and experiential educational courses and training necessary to obtain high skill, high pay employment, or to enter apprenticeship programs upon release from prison.

(2) Sequences of courses leading to industry, business, or state certification.

(3) Community college courses that offer units transferable *within the California Community Colleges system and to the University of California and the California State University, to the extent that the campuses offer related programs.*

(4) Information on reentry programs with job search assistance, and, where possible, information about employers with a record of hiring participants of the program with similar skills education upon their release from prison.

(5) If applicable, information about preapprentice and state-certified apprenticeship programs with a record of hiring participants of the program with similar skills education upon their release from prison.

(e) (1) (A) The sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the Recidivism Reduction Fund to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges for Innovative Career Technical Education grant programs for the 2014–15 fiscal year. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this subdivision:

(i) Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) shall be used to identify the components essential for the creation of innovative career technical education programs, to develop the metrics upon

1 which programs are to be assessed, and to administer the planning  
2 grant application and award process.

3 (ii) One million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$1,700,000)  
4 shall be used for up to 20 competitive planning grants of up to one  
5 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each for community colleges  
6 in the 2014–15 fiscal year.

7 (B) The innovative career technical education programs  
8 developed under this section shall be consistent with the  
9 performance metrics, developed under this subdivision, upon which  
10 these programs will be assessed. These programs shall also consider  
11 the availability of existing equipment and resources of the partner  
12 prisons upon which to build courses. Planning grant funds may  
13 also be used for the purchase of instructional materials and  
14 equipment in preparation for the receipt of implementation grants  
15 in the 2015–16 fiscal year.

16 (2) In any fiscal year, up to five hundred thousand dollars  
17 (\$500,000) of residual funds may be retained by the chancellor's  
18 office to supplement implementation grant funds in subsequent  
19 fiscal years by making funds available for additional instructional  
20 materials and equipment to the grantees on a competitive basis.  
21 Any residual funds remaining after five hundred thousand dollars  
22 (\$500,000) have been allocated pursuant to this paragraph in any  
23 fiscal year shall be returned to the Recidivism Reduction Fund.  
24 As used in this section, "residual funds" means any unencumbered  
25 funds appropriated under this subdivision for a fiscal year that  
26 remain after all of the grants awarded for that fiscal year have been  
27 funded.

28 (3) From funds provided in the annual Budget Act for the  
29 2015–16, 2016–17, 2017–18, 2018–19, and 2019–20 fiscal years,  
30 there shall be funded up to 20 innovative career technical education  
31 implementation grants per fiscal year.

32 (4) From funds not expended between the commencement of  
33 the 2014–15 fiscal year and the end of the 2019–20 fiscal year, an  
34 amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000)  
35 per fiscal year may be used by the Chancellor of the Community  
36 Colleges, for the identification of best practices and the ongoing  
37 administration and evaluation of the grant programs.

38 (f) On or before July 1, 2015, the Department of Corrections  
39 and Rehabilitation, in consultation with the Chancellor of the  
40 California Community Colleges, shall develop administrative

1 guidelines for community college education programs operating  
2 in prison facilities, ~~including~~, *facilities that include*, but are not  
3 necessarily limited to, all of the following:

4 (1) Academic and education level attainment priorities for  
5 inmate participation in classes.

6 (2) Conditions for community college faculty, staff, and  
7 volunteers when serving in the facilities.

8 (3) Faculty-to-inmate ratios for various types of educational  
9 programs.

10 (4) Time reduction credits that may be earned by prisoners for  
11 their participation in programs.

12 (5) Suspension of courses during lockdowns.

13 (6) Inmate participation preferences which may ensure greater  
14 success in obtaining industry certifications and employability upon  
15 release.

16 (7) Other guidelines as deemed appropriate.

17 (8) Authorized equipment and tools allowed in the facility.

18 (9) *Coordination with the Office of Correctional Education of*  
19 *the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding*  
20 *program offerings.*

21 (g) The Legislative Analyst's Office shall conduct a  
22 comprehensive evaluation of the Innovative Career Technical  
23 Education grant programs and other inmate education programs  
24 for purposes of making informed policy decisions and for  
25 cost-benefit analysis of the investments made in inmate education.  
26 *The analysis shall include a review of coordination efforts between*  
27 *community colleges and the Office of Correctional Education of*  
28 *the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and a discussion*  
29 *of whether existing programs were supplanted by community*  
30 *college offerings.* The evaluation shall be submitted to the Governor  
31 and to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2020, in compliance  
32 with Section 9795 of the Government Code.